IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHODS AND KITS FOR DIAGNOSING AND TREATING B-CELL CHRONIC

LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA

SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In further Response to the Office Action (Final) mailed on January 14, 2010, and the Advisory Action Applicants submit herewith an RCE Request seeking entry of the previously submitted Amendment after final and consideration of the Exhibits thereto. For the reasons set forth in this Reply Applicants believe that this response will place the case in condition for allowance.

With respect to the alignments provided therewith as Exhibits these alignments confirm that the sub-sequences recited perfectly aligns to SEQ ID NO: 11. In addition it should again be noted that Figure 9 of the present application aligns SEQ ID NO: 11 with SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10. While from said alignment it could preliminarily be concluded that SEQ ID NO: 13 (exonl) is not comprised in SEQ ID NO: 11. However, as evidenced by the provided Alignment of said sequences with SEQ ID NO: 11 it can be clearly seen that SEQ ID NOs: 13 to 17 are sequences comprised in SEQ ID NO: 11.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks and on consideration of Applicant's previous Reply and Exhibits it is anticipated that this case in condition for allowance. A Notice